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METHOD OF AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING PELLETS FROM

HEAVY HYDROCARBON LIQUID

## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2001. The three-month shortened statutory period for response is set to expire on January 15, 2002; therefore, this response and amendment should be considered timely filed.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections and rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

AMENDMENT

## In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.